scale production of IgY antibodies and chronic toxicity and immunotoxicity studies to establish the safety of the final ASV preparations for administration to snake bite victims have been undertaken.

Recovery of loans by TDB

462. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Technology Development Board is facing problems in recovering the loans given to the companies to help them commercialise indigenous technologies;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the names of companies and the amount outstanding against them; and

(c) the steps taken by the TDB for early recovery of loans?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT): (a) to (c) The Technology Development Board has signed so far 110 agreements with industrial concerns, etc. for commercializing technologies. The Board has sanctioned financial assistance of Rs. 469 crores against which it has disbursed Rs. 401 crores. The Board's assistance has resulted in manufacture of a number of products in sectors such as medical and health, chemicals and engineering.

As on January 15, 2003, there were 6 companies which have defaulted and the amount outstanding were Rs. 11.22 crores including interest. The list is given below. Appropriate legal proceedings have been initiated:

Sl. No.	Name of the Company	Amount outstanding as on 15.01.2003 (Rs. in crores)
1	2	3
1.	Alpha Amins Private Limited, Chennai.	2.18
2.	J.K. Drugs & Pharmaceutical Limited, New Delhi.	2.16
3.	Cousik Machinery Manufactures (P) Limited, Coimbatore	0.46

1	2	3
4.	Usha (India) Limited, Faridabad.	2.25
5.	ATV Projects India Limited, Mumbai.	3.16
6.	Puskar Chemicals Limited, Mumbai.	1.01
	TOTAL	11.22

Steel export to Thailand

463. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:
SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Thailand has recently clamped 62 per cent duty on Indian Steel and Steel products, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that besides the high rate of duty, the Thailand Government has also imposed some non-tariff barriers to reduce the import of the Indian steel and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this decision would not affect the SAIL and other steel companies in the country; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to protect the interests of the Indian Companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJ KISHORE TRIPATHY): (a) Yes, Sir. In July 2002, Thailand had initiated anti-dumping proceedings against Hot Rolled Flat Steel originating from 11 countries, including India. In December 2002 preliminary determination was announced and anti dumping duty imposed against two Indian companies as follows:

SAIL	60.88%
TISCO	66.16%

(b) Yes, Sir. The Thailand Industrial Standard Institution (TISI) certification has been made mandatory for each thickness/size of imported material. Hence, imports into Thailand are restricted only from those producers whose products are approved by TISI.